

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that Claim 71 is rejected over the Alanara reference in view of the Vanttila and Helferich reference.

At the same time, the Examiner indicated that Claims 37-49, 51-70 and 72-74 are allowed.

In connection with the Examiner's rejection of Claim 71 over the art, applicants cancelled Claim 71 without prejudice.

The Examiner's indication of the allowance of Claim 37-49, 51-70 and 72-74 has been gratefully acknowledged. In the connection with this indication, the allowed claims can be retained as they were.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the present application now contains only the allowed claims.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Striker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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